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SUBJ: DRAVO CORP. CLAIM AGAINST WESTERN AUSTRALIA GOVT.

REF: LETTER, AMB. GREEN TO DCM HARROP, JAN. 8, 1974

1. AMBASSADOR GREEN HAS RECEIVED LETTER FROM CLYDE H. SLEASE, GENERAL COUNSEL FOR DRAVO CORP., THE PERTINENT PORTION OF WHICH IS QUOTED AS FOLLOWS: QUOTE:

WITH RESPECT TO OUR ORD RIVER DAM CLAIM, WE HAVE RECEIVED A TELEX FROM OUR SOLICITORS IN PERTH IN WHICH THEY QUOTE A RELEVANT PORTION OF THE CROWN LAW'S LETTER TO THEM.

"I AM FORMALLY TO ADVISE YOU THAT THE STATE GOVERNMENT IS UNABLE TO AGREE TO ANY SETTLEMENT OF THE DISPUTE WITH DRAVO CORPORATION AND ACCORDINGLY IT HAS SUGGESTED THAT THE CORPORATION NOW PROCEED TO ARBITRATION IF IT WISHES TO DO SO."

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WE ARE DISAPPOINTED AT THIS TURN OF EVENTS AND WILL

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PROCEED TO ARBITRATION. I EXPECT TO GO TO AUSTRALIA SHORTLY TO DETERMINE WHAT IS NECESSARY TO BE DONE.

IT APPEARS TO US THAT THIS MATTER HAS NOW LOST SOME OF ITS DELICACY, BUT WE LEAVE IT TO YOU AS TO WHAT

INQUIRIES YOU MAY WISH TO MAKE WITHIN THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT AS TO WHY WE WERE TURNED DOWN. END QUOTE.

2. EMBASSY MAY WISH TO COMMENT ON RESULTS OF ANY INQUIRIES MADE ON DRAVO CASE TO DATE, ALONG LINES SUGGESTED REFERENCED LETTER. AMBASSADOR GREEN SUGGESTS IT BE LEFT TO YOUR DISCRETION WHETHER TO MAKE FURTHER INQUIRIES IN MATTER. KISSINGER

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